

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration of the present application as amended. Claims 1-58 have been canceled. Claims 59-111 have been added.

New Claim 59 recites:

A method of operating a wireless communication device, the method comprising:
receiving a message entity at the wireless communication device;
automatically *detecting a contact identifier* in the message entity;
automatically *identifying a class of contact identifier to which the contact identifier belongs, from a plurality of predetermined classes of contact identifiers*; and
outputting descriptive information relating to the contact identifier on an output component of the wireless communication device.

Laflin discloses a selective call receiver such as a pager (in Fig. 3, 44), which *sorts and stores* received *messages* (in Fig. 2, 24-32) by categories (col. 4, lines 53-60, and col. 7, lines 39-57). Also, Laflin discloses finding a match associated with numeric or alphabetic text within the message for the purpose of identifying and storing the *message* within the pager's memory (col. 8, lines 26-43). Additionally, Laflin discloses if the message includes a telephone number, the *entire message* becomes stored in the pager's message memory (col. 7, lines 13 –30).

However, Laflin does not disclose or suggest “automatically *identifying a class of contact identifier to which the contact identifier belongs, from a plurality of predetermined classes of contact identifiers*.” Laflin does disclose several types of predetermined categories, but these are all *message* categories (see col. 7, lines 42-44 and 52-54; Fig. 9), not contact identifier categories. In addition, neither Helferich (US Patent Number 6,259,892), nor Dahm (US Patent

Number 6,301,471), nor Gershman et al. (US Patent Number 6,401,085), nor Tomimori (US Patent Number 6,456,841) disclose or teach this limitation.

Furthermore, the invention could not be obvious based on Laflin, as Laflin and the invention are directed to entirely different purposes. The invention relates to identifying, categorizing, or enabling tasks relating to *contact identifiers* on a wireless communication device. Laflin has nothing to do with this functionality. Laflin relates to sorting and storing *messages*.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that independent claim 59 and all claims that depend on it are patentable over Laflin in view of the cited references listed above.

In addition, independent claims 77 and 98 include limitations similar to those in claim 59 discussed above. Therefore, claims 77 and 98 and all claims that depend on it are patentable over Laflin in view of the cited references, for similar reasons.

It is respectfully submitted that new claims 59-111 are in condition for allowance, and Applicants therefore respectfully request allowance.


If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Jordan M. Becker at (408) 720-8300.

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